



Minutes NV COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE	January 10, 2006
TIME	1:30 PM
LOCATION	401 South Carson – Carson City 555 East Washington – Las Vegas
RECORDER	Maggie Thorne

ATTENDANCE

Carson City Members	Present	Las Vegas Members	Present
Terry Savage, Co-Chair, DoIT	✓	Jack Staley, Co-Chair , LV Water Dist.	✓
Robert Chisel, NDOT	✓	Dennis Cobb, LV Metro Police	✓
Neil Harris, Elko Cty Sheriff's Office	✓	Anthony DeMeo, Nye County	✓
Mark Foxen, NV Health Division	✓	Rod Massey, Clark County	✓
Kay Scherer, Dept of CNR		Ronda Hornbeck, Lincoln Cty	✓
Major Bob Wideman, DPS	✓	Louis Amell, City of LV Fire Dept	✓
Adam Garcia, Police, UNR		Greg Marchio, US Secret Service	✓
Jake Conely, Sparks Fire Dept	✓	Theodore Quasula, LV Paiute Tribe	✓
Dan Newell, City of Yerington	✓	Bob Fisher, NV Broadcasters Assn.	
James Johns, Reno Police Dept			
Chris Lake, NV Hospital Association	✓		
Dan Holler, Douglas County	✓		
Pete Menicucci, NV Nat'l Guard			

Staff

Name	Present	Name	Present
Mark Blomstrom, DoIT	✓	Glade Myler, Legal Counsel	✓
Maggie Thorne, DoIT	✓		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Savage called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

II ROLL CALL/MINUTES

The roll call was conducted by Maggie Thorne. Present: 17 members, 0 alternates.
Absent: 5.

The minutes from the 11/01/05 were reviewed. **A motion was made by Dan Holler and seconded by Rod Massey to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

Amendment minutes: Page 3 should read "*Mark said it was his understanding that as to the development of a 700 MHZ plan there are two pieces – a state piece (state license) and interoperability channels.*"

III. NCSC BY-LAWS – VOTING AND PROCESURES

Discussion and Decisions on Voting

Glade briefed everyone (on weighted voting) that "if you get an executive order for weighted voting that would fine with him. Members discussed the various proposed options for voting. Voting options were 1) one to one; 2) only weighted and 3) a dual option of both. A few comments were given supporting each option:

Dennis Cobb added the biggest advantage of option 3 is it eliminates the ability for something to squirt through the committee quickly based on who showed up that day and it allows prospective to be considered from both the small entity and large entity.

Dan Holler in favor of option 1 didn't feel option 3 would make a difference to support either the bigger or smaller entity and felt that since it (the option) isn't being done anywhere that he was aware, he didn't feel a need for it.

Bob Wideman, mentioned that he represents an agency that probably would benefit from weighted voting, and is sympathetic, but felt that NCSC is an advisory body and that it doesn't have money to appropriate nor the ability promulgate law to make option 3 happen, regardless of what is decided, there are additional steps of review (legislatively, county, city) and from that prospective, support the simple concept of one vote per one individual.

Dennis Cobb made a motion that a majority of the voting members of the NCESC constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a 2/3 majority of those voting members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Committee. Each member shall possess and single vote. Motion was seconded and carried as follows:

Roll call vote: All members present agreed, with only 1 abstention, which was Terry Savage.

Dennis Cobb made a motion for the By-Laws Subcommittee to do the work necessary to acquire an Executive Order allowing two pass vote in the future if the Committee decides to adopt it. Rod Massey seconded the motion and the motion carried as follows:

Roll call vote: 12 members agreed, 4 disagreed (Conely, Holler, Newell and Wideman), 1 abstention (Terry Savage).

Terry added that the by-law subcommittee would take this motion under consideration. Members of this committee include:

Rod Massey, Chair
Robert Chisel
Terry Savage
Dennis Cobb
Adam Garcia

Discussion on NCSC By-Laws

Members reviewed the remaining portion of the draft by-laws: Changes and corrections were as follows:

Article II, (c): Remove the last word "and"

Article III, Section 1: first sentence to read ..."Governor shall appoint to the NCSC up to 25 voting..."

Article III, (a): to read "NCSC should be full-time employees of Nevada public safety entities or members of their governing authorities (as...) **A motion was made, seconded and carried on for this item.**

Article IV (a): Include Vice-Chairman in this paragraph pursuant to the Executive Order, delete (b) and in (c) change word chairman to chairmen. **A Motion was made, seconded and carried on this item**

Article V: Change all reference to Chairman to Chairmen

Article VI: Delete B) on Robert Rules of Order.

Update whole document with regards Officers and Duties to reflect what is in the Executive Order.

Article VIII, include a sentence that any proposed amendments to the by-laws can not be acting on at the same meeting they are proposed. **A motion was made, seconded and carried on this item.**

On the advice of counsel, it was agreed that the By-laws sub-committee need to meet to do additional work on the by-laws before it is voted upon. They need to provide more clarity on Article III – Membership, so that it reflects that members need to be working for and residing in Nevada. Also, the use of the word "leave" needs to be defined more clearly. Rod Massey to contact Maggie with regards to scheduling a meeting.

IV. REPORT ON NEW ORLEANS COMMUNICATIONS PROCESS

Michael D. Brown, Assistant Fire Chief of North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District gave a brief overview to the members of his experience being onsite in New Orleans and dealing with Hurricane Katrina. He assisted with putting together an emergency communications plan for them. They used Macon radios and satellite phones. He was very happy to report that a system (very similar to Nevada) was actually functioning and working.

V. DEMONSTRATION – WCRCS SYSTEM

Craig Harrison, Washoe County Telecommunications provided a demonstration of the existing capability of the WCRCS system in conjunction with the University of Nevada Reno and public safety in Las Vegas. The demonstration showed a quick connection between the two points.

VII. SAFECOM RECOMMENDATIONS

Terry discussed the incorporation of the SAFECOM Recommendations and indicated it would be a two-step process: Option A) Accept them all with a few changes or Option B) Go through each recommendation 1 by 1 and adopt them or not individually and ask the opinion of the membership. Dennis suggested a modification to A) by accepting the objectives and goals as recommended by SAFECOM but we are reserving the implementation or methods part of it to be elaborated as we move forward in pursuing these goals (Option C). **Tony DeMeo made a motion that was seconded by Dennis Cobb to adopt Dennis Cobb's Option C). Motion carried.** All members present agreed with one member (Terry Savage) abstaining. It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed to review and sort through the SAFECOM Recommendations and report back to the Committee. Members of that sub-committee would include Jake Conely as chair, Terry Savage, Tony DeMeo, Chris Lake and Dennis Cobb. Other members who might be interested were instructed to contact Maggie.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None Presented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. Next meeting date: February 2, 2006

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Draft minutes submitted by Maggie Thorne, 01/14/06

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____